

SUBJECT: United Farm Workers et al.

FILE: 44-60006

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAR 28 1974

JSP:WLG:ljr

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-11E-NEW

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects, FNU LNU
aka "Fred Schwartz";
Unknown Victims, United Farm
Worker Union Members;
Jerry Cohen - UFWU Counsel-Complainant
Conspiracy Against Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

On Wednesday, March 27, 1974, this Division was contacted telephonically by Jerry Cohen, counsel in California for the United Farm Workers Union (tel. 805-822-5571). Cohen related that he had been contacted by a person who provided the fictitious name of "Fred Schwartz". Schwartz purported to have information that three people had at numerous times over the past several years broken into various United Farm Worker Union offices in California, as well as the offices of other organizations assisting the UFWU and their activities, including SNCC and the Saul Alinsky Organization. Cohen received the impression that Schwartz was an attorney and was representing one of the persons responsible for the break-ins. Schwartz wanted \$35,000 for evidence he would provide linking numerous California growers to the break-ins. Cohen met with Schwartz on Monday, March 25, 1974, in Bakersfield to discuss the matter further. Schwartz provided Cohen with brief glimpses of materials in his possession purporting to have been seized from offices broken into. Schwartz also provided a list of such places, including a UFWU office in Delano called Filipino Hall. Cohen related that Filipino Hall was in fact the object of an armed robbery last year and that the crime had never been solved. Among the

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materials taken at that time were financial records of the union and records relating to certain of their activities covered by the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act. Schwartz further related that there were checks in existence which would establish a financial link between the alleged thieves and the growers. Cohen further related that Schwartz was extremely anxious to raise the \$35,000, as his "client" was supposed to be charged this week with fraud by unknown prosecuting authorities. As the above information indicates a possible violation of Title 18, U.S.C. §241 involving interference with the rights of United Farm Worker Union members and workers under the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act, please conduct the following limited investigation:

Interview Attorney Jerry Cohen for full details of his contacts to date with Fred Schwartz. In the event Schwartz recontacts Cohen, which Cohen feels is inevitable, arrange with Cohen to be informed of the location of the meeting to take place between Cohen and Schwartz. Establish a surveillance of that meeting and attempt to ascertain the identity of Schwartz. Following the meeting please reinterview Cohen for full details of the conversation. Assuming Schwartz can be identified by photographs, fingerprints or in some other manner, please inform this Division of the results of the interview with Cohen and the identification of Schwartz in order for us to determine what further investigation, if any, is warranted. Also, please do not inform local law enforcement authorities of the meeting between Cohen and Schwartz at this time.

This will confirm the telephone conversation of Wednesday, March 27, between William L. Gardner, Deputy Chief of the Criminal Section of this Division, and Supervisor [REDACTED] of your Bureau.

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To: SAC, Sacramento (44-625)

From: Director, FBI 44-
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UNITED FARM WORKERS,
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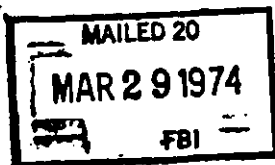
ReButelcall 3/27/74.

Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental
letter dated 3/23/74, which confirms their request for
investigation furnished to your office via reButelcall.

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TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECT, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625)(P) 5P

UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA -
VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 27, 1974.

JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), KEANE,
CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON MARCH 28, 1974:

ON MARCH 21, 1974, HE RECEIVED TELCALL FROM ONE FRED SCHWARTZ
SUPPOSEDLY FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ SAID HE HAD
VALUABLE INFORMATION TO SELL CONCERNING BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND
OTHER BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH
25, 1974. COHEN MET SCHWARTZ AT 3:00 P.M., MARCH 25, 1974, AT HILTON
HOTEL BAR, BAKERSFIELD. AT THIS MEETING SCHWARTZ HAD FILE OR FOLDER
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ABOUT 1 INCH THICK WHICH HE SAID CONTAINED STOLEN UFW OR UFW-RELATED DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ACCESSIBLE TO SCHWARTZ REPORTEDLY TAKEN IN VARIOUS ROBBERIES OR "FROM INSIDE" UFW BY AN INFORMANT AT DIRECTION OF 2 CALIFORNIA GROWERS, ONE WITH LAST NAME D'ARRIGO WHO IS IN LETTUCE AND GRAPE GROWING BUSINESS IN SALINAS, FRESNO, AND IMPERIAL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AND ANOTHER, NAME NOT GIVEN, WHO WAS LARGE GRAPE GROWER IN DELANO, CALIFORNIA. SCHWARTZ CLAIMS TO REPRESENT MAN WHO IS TO BE INDICTED MARCH 29, 1974, FOR FRAUD AT UNKNOWN LOCATION AND REFERRED TO THIS MAN AS HIS CLIENT, INDICATING AT TIMES MORE THAN ONE PERSON WAS INVOLVED IN BREAK-INS. SCHWARTZ EXHIBITED HANDWRITTEN LIST OF PAST "ROBBERIES" WHICH INCLUDED [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E)

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] NONE OF ABOVE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH UFW DURING PAST 5 YEARS.

ALSO INDICATED AS PAST TARGETS OF "ROBBERIES" WERE STUDENT

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NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF SAN FRANCISCO, FILIPINO HALL
AT DELANO (THIS HALL WAS VICTIM OF ARMED ROBBERY DURING ABOUT 1968
AT WHICH TIME SOME UFW PAPERS STOLEN), [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED] AND CATHOLIC CHURCH OFFICE, CITY NOT RECALLED.

SCHWARTZ HANDED COHEN TWO SMALL DATE BOOKS CONTAINING NAME [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED] BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT CLOSE EXAMINATION. DOCUMENTS HE WAS
COPIES
ALLOWED TO REVIEW CONTAINED INNOCUOUS INFORMATION.

INDICTMENT OF SCHWARTZ'S CLIENT FOR FRAUD SUPPOSEDLY TO TAKE
PLACE MARCH 29, 1974, AND \$25,000 NEEDED TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE.

SCHWARTZ ASKED COHEN TO PAY \$35,000 FOR ALL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO HIM. COHEN SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF BUYING STOLEN
UFW PROPERTY AND LEFT SCHWARTZ WITH IMPRESSION UFW WOULD NOT PAY
ANY MONEY AND THAT IF HE FELT CRIME HAD BEEN COMMITTED HE MIGHT
REPORT MATTER TO AUTHORITIES.

SCHWARTZ SAID JOHN HARMER, CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLYMAN FROM LOS
ANGELES AREA, WAS AWARE OF STOLEN MATERIAL AND WAS USING INFORMATION
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FOR POLITICAL GAIN BUT GAVE NO MORE SPECIFICS CONCERNING THIS
MATTER. SCHWARTZ MENTIONED CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF GROWERS BUT DID NOT
ELABORATE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS ORGANIZATION INVOLVED. SCHWARTZ
CLAIMED HE HAD APPROACHED DELANO GROWER WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT
DEVULGE WITH PROPOSITION TO SELL INFORMATION BUT WAS REJECTED.
SCHWARTZ PLANNED NEXT TO CONTACT [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED]. SCHWARTZ SAID HIS CLIENT WOULD POSSIBLY DESIRE
TO MEET COHEN AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT COHEN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 29,
1974. COHEN IS WILLING TO ACCEPT OFFER OF ANOTHER MEETING AND
PROMISED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE FBI OF ANY FURTHER CONTACT.

COHEN DESCRIBED SCHWARTZ AS WHITE MALE IN MID-40S, 6 FEET 2
INCHES, 215 POUNDS, DARK HAIR, EYES UNKNOWN, DEEP VOICE, NO NOTICE-
ABLE MARKS, WHO CHAIN-SMOKED CAMEL CIGARETTES AND WAS DRESSED IN
SPORT COAT AND TIE.

COHEN ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY SCHWARTZ AND SUBSE- (b)(7)(c)
QUENT TO ABOVE INTERVIEW AT KEANE, COHEN CONTACTED RESIDENT AGENCY
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5:51 PM NITE 4-3-74 ERD

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GEN.
INVEST. DIV.)

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) IP

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA; JERRY COHEN; UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEANE,
CALIF. - VICTIM; CR; OO: SC.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO,
APR. 3, 1974.

SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BAKERSFIELD RA APR. 3, 1974, 20
THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONFER WITH HIS ATTORNEY UNTIL APR. 6,
1974, AND WOULD THEREAFTER MAKE APPOINTMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED BY
FBI IN BAKERSFIELD. SUBJECT STATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE
CONTACTED AT SAN JOSE.

SUBJECT WILL BE INTERVIEWED WHEN AND IF HE MAKES HIMSELF
AVAILABLE.

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8-14 PM NITEL 3-27-74 ERD

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTEN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 1P

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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. -
VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RE BUREAU TEL CALL FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] TO ASAC,
SACRAMENTO, MAR. 27, 1974.

JERRY COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), CONTACTED
TODAY AT UFW HEADQUARTERS IN KEANE, CALIF., AND ADVISED HE WOULD BE
AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER AT 10:00 A. M., MAR. 28, 1974.
COHEN SAID NO MEETING WITH FRED SCHWARTZ HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO DATE,
BUT SCHWARTZ IS SUPPOSED TO RECONTACT HIM MAR. 29, 1974.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF COHEN INTERVIEW BY
TELETYPE.

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March 28, 1974

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns a new Civil Rights investigation to be conducted by our Sacramento Division involving United Farm Workers (UFW) in California.

On 3/27/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, advised he had been contacted by attorney Jerry Cohen, UFW, Bakersfield, California, who advised he, in turn, had been contacted by a Fred Schwartz who allegedly represented one of three persons responsible for a number of burglaries of UFW offices in California during the past year. Schwartz offered to sell to the UFW certain documents and literature obtained during these robberies for a sum of \$35,000 and indicated persons conducting robberies reported to John Harmer, a California State legislator and to the California Council of Growers. Cohen had delayed responding to Schwartz's offer and arranged to have Schwartz recontact him 3/29/74.

Department requested investigation be conducted under possible violation Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. They requested Cohen be interviewed for full details; attempts be made for Agents to observe future meetings between Cohen and Schwartz; that Cohen be interviewed immediately following meeting with Schwartz; and attempts be made to identify true identity of Schwartz. They requested no dissemination of information be made to local authorities at this time.

Sacramento Division was advised to conduct the requested investigation. The attached advises attempts to contact Cohen 3/27/74 negative; however, he will be available for interview 3/28/74. They have been instructed to sutel summary of Cohen's interview. Matter being followed closely and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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TO SACS SACRAMENTO (44-625)
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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1 - Mr. Franck
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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SC.

RESCTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 31, 1974.

THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY
REQUESTED INVESTIGATION CONTINUE TO FULLY IDENTIFY FRED
SCHWARTZ, ALSO KNOWN AS, CHARLES SCHWARTZ, THE INDIVIDUAL
WHO MET WITH CHIEF COUNSEL JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS
(UFW) AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 25, 1974, AND
MARCH 31, 1974.

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO
IDENTIFY SCHWARTZ. ONCE HE IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, SUTEL
SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW WITH LHM CONTAINING
FULL DETAILS THIS INVESTIGATION. ONCE IDENTIFIED, NO ATTEMPT
SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS SCHWARTZ
UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

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RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

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BUFILES INDICATE JACK PANDOL, ^{PANDOL} PANDOL AND SONS, ^{Route 2} BOX 388, DELANO, CALIFORNIA, AND ^{MARTIN J. ZANINOVICH} MARTIN J. ZANINOVICH, ^{of} DASMINE VINEYARD, POST OFFICE BOX 1959 DELANO REPRESENTING
SOME 30 GROWERS ^{APPEARED} APPEARED IN THE ^{Bakersfield} BAKERSFIELD RESIDENT AGENCY
ON AUGUST 20, 1973, AND ^{filed A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT} FILED A CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
ALLEGING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE GROWERS HAD BEEN VIOLATED
BY THE UFWU.

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF
THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PERSONS
DESCRIBED IN RESCTEL. BUFILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES
TO A CHARLES AND FRED SCHWARTZ; HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NUMBER
OF REFERENCES AND THE LACK OF MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION,
NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REVIEW THESE REFERENCES.

TELETYPE TO SACS, SC, SF
RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

NOTE: This concerns a limited Civil Rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division, pursuant to a Departmental request, into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of \$35,000. By teletype 3/31/74, SC Division advised Schwartz met with victim 3/31/74 and offered to sell documents taken during course of 16 break-ins for a total of \$25,000. These break-ins occurred during 1966 - 1970 and documents allegedly have been in possession of House Un-American Activities Committee in the past. Schwartz named 3 major California growers as having hired individuals to do break-ins and indicated documents taken were periodically reviewed by military intelligence and other unknown agencies. He claimed 2 persons currently being paid "hush money," one in Mexico and one in Spain, and that periodically Agents of Army Intelligence or CIA send money to these two individuals through one of the three California growers. Schwartz refused victim close examination of documents, but stated he was a former policeman and desired to write book about matter. On 4/1/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, CRD, advised investigation should continue to fully identify Schwartz and once identified, information developed during investigation should be furnished to appropriate local and Federal authorities. This instructs SC and SF to expedite investigation to identify Schwartz and to suLHM results. [REDACTED] indicates growers Jack Pandol and Martin J. Zaninovich filed CR complaint with our SCO 8/73, alleging rights of growers had been violated by UFW workers. (b)(7)(c)

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TO DIRECTOR

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SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 2P

CHANGED. JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA FRED SCHWARTZ; JERRY COHEN,
UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR.

TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW IDENTITY OF SUBJECT AND CORRECT LOCATION
OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) OFFICE AS KEENE, CALIFORNIA. TITLE
FORMERLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS,
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR."

RE SC AND SF TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 1, 1974.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE 28, 1929, GULFPORT, LOUISIANA,
SSAN 571-20-3939, WAS CONTACTED BY BUAGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, APRIL 2,
1974, AND ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AS SET FORTH ABOVE. HE ALSO
ADMITTED CONTACTING SA [REDACTED] ON TELEPHONE APRIL 1, 1974,
USING NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING THE FBI,
BAKERSFIELD, ON APRIL 4, 1974. SUBJECT DECLINED TO DISCUSS DETAILS
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OF MATTER AT HAND UNTIL HE CONFERS WITH HIS ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] (b)(6)(c)
[REDACTED] SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, BUT DID FURNISH THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE HIS RECENT ACTIONS UNDER THE NAME OF FRED
SCHWARTZ:

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS HE HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC
RELATIONS BUSINESS. DURING SAME TIME HE AND OTHERS WERE ENGAGED IN
GATHERING INTELLIGENCE FOR CERTAIN CALIFORNIA GROWERS, MAINLY CON-
CERNING UFW. HE IS NOW "BOXED IN" BECAUSE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND IS
IN DEBT IN AMOUNT OF \$20,000 RE PAST LOAN, WITH PRESSURE BEING
EXERTED FOR REPAYMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE, SAN JOSE, NOW CONTEMPLATING CRIMINAL FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST
HIM AND ANOTHER MAN WHO HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING NINE CHILDREN. HE
WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON ABOVE, BUT SAID HE INTENDS TO KEEP APPOINTMENT
WITH SA [REDACTED] ON APRIL 4, 1974, AND MAY HAVE ATTORNEY WITH HIM. (b)(7)(c)

UACB DUCOTE WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON APRIL 4, 1974, IN PRESENCE OF
ATTORNEY IF NECESSARY.

LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED
SACRAMENTO TELETYPE.

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UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. - VICTIM; CR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO SACRAMENTO APR. 1, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ONE FRED SCHWARTZ, WHITE

MALE, AGE 45 TO 50; 6 FT. 1 IN., TO 6 FT. 2 INS.; 215 LBS., GRAY

HAIR, HAD A PRE-ARRANGED MEETING WITH VICTIM COHEN, CHIEF COUNSEL,

UFW, AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., MAR. 25, 1974, AND OFFERED TO SELL

CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FOR \$35,000. ANOTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE MAR. 31,

1974, AT BAKERSFIELD BETWEEN COHEN AND SCHWARTZ, WHICH MEETING WAS

OBSERVED BY BUREAU AGENTS AND ASKING PRICE WAS REDUCED TO \$25,000.

THESE DOCUMENTS OFFERED BY SCHWARTZ SUPPOSEDLY RELATE TO CALIF.

GROWERS WHO PAID FOR BREAK-INS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

IN 1960'S.

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SCHWARTZ WAS OBSERVED BY AGENTS TO LEAVE MAR. 31, 1974, MEETING IN 1974 BUICK, CALIF. LICENSE 814 JZH, AND PROCEEDED TO HILTON INN, BAKERSFIELD. CAR IS REGISTERED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, CARE OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SAN LUIS OBISPO. HILTON RECORDS REFLECT DUCOTE, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED]
REGISTERED WITH SAME LICENSE NUMBER MAR. 30, 1974, AND DUE TO CHECK OUT APR. 1, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, SACRAMENTO INADVERTENTLY REFERRED TO FRED SCHWARTZ AS CHARLES SCHWARTZ IN TELETYPE OF MAR. 31, 1974.

PHOTOS TAKEN DURING FISUR OF MAR. 31, 1974, BEING DEVELOPED.

ON EVENING OF MAR. 31, 1974, COHEN SAID SCHWARTZ TELEPHONED AND COHEN TOLD HIM UFW BOARD WOULD NOT PAY. COHEN THEN, OF HIS OWN VOLITION, TOLD SCHWARTZ HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF USDJ REGARDING THIS MATTER AND WAS ADVISED TO TELL SCHWARTZ TO CONTACT FBI.

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CALIF. DMV RECORDS REVEAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PHOTO REPRODUCING
SECTION UNDER REPAIR UNTIL APR. 2, 1974; HOWEVER, THERE ARE DRIVER'S
LICENSES LISTED FOR JERRY DUCOTE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH BEING CURRENT

DRIVER'S LICENSES. THESE RECORDS DESCRIBED DUCOTE, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

COHEN ADVISED ON APR. 1, 1974, HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT
3:00 P.M. FROM SCHWARTZ WHO SAID HE NEEDED IMMEDIATE CASH OF \$600
TO \$1,000 FOR BAIL, AND IN RETURN, IS WILLING TO SIGN STATEMENT
IMPLICATING CERTAIN CALIF. GROWERS IN 16 BURGLARIES. SCHWARTZ
SAID BOND WAS BETWEEN \$6,000 AND \$10,000 AND SAID, "WE NEED BAIL
BAD". HE SOUNDED VERY DESPERATE AND MENTIONED ONE OF PERSONS
INVOLVED IN BURGLARIES HAD NINE CHILDREN. COHEN SAID HE CONFERRED
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WITH UFW DIRECTOR CAESAR CHAVEZ CONCERNING WHAT COURSE TO TAKE, AND CHAVEZ TOLD HIM TO "ASK THE FBI". COHEN HAS RECOMMENDED NO MONEY BE PAID SCHWARTZ BUT EXPECTS FURTHER CONTACT FROM SCHWARTZ.

PRETEXT CALL TO HILTON INN SWITCHBOARD 3:45 P. M., APR. 1, 1974, INDICATES DUCOTE STILL REGISTERED.

AT 4:20 P. M., APR. 1, 1974, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS FRED SCHWARTZ CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] AT BAKERSFIELD RA AND ADVISED HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH COHEN, THAT COHEN HAD TALKED TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE, WHO WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM, SCHWARTZ, TO FURNISH INFORMATION TO FBI. SCHWARTZ DECLINED TO DISCUSS MATTER ON TELEPHONE AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO APPEAR AT BAKERSFIELD RA 9:30 A. M., APR. 4, 1974. (b)(7)(c)

ABOVE DMV DESCRIPTIONS INDICATE THAT NEITHER DUCOTE NOR [REDACTED] IDENTICAL TO UNSUB; THEREFORE, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF THIS MATTER SHOULD BE PURSUED TO EXTENT OF OPENLY CONTACTING
END PAGE FOUR (b)(7)(c)

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[REDACTED] DUCOTE, [REDACTED] OR OTHERS NECESSARY TO
IDENTIFY UNSUB PRIOR TO APR. 4, 1974. ALSO ADVISE IF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SHOULD BE CONTACTED. (b)(7)(E) (D)(7)(E)

UACB, NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO SURVEILL SCHWARTZ
AT BAKERSFIELD. ALSO SCHWARTZ WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED PER BUREAU
INSTRUCTIONS BUT ANY INFORMATION HE DESIRES TO FURNISH WILL BE
ACCEPTED.

LOS ANGELES: AT SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.: MAKE VERY DISCREET
INQUIRIES, IF POSSIBLE, FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND HIS RENTAL OF ABOVE-DESCRIBED CAR FROM NATIONAL CAR
RENTAL, ALL WITH VIEW TOWARDS IDENTIFYING FRED SCHWARTZ. SUTEL. (b)(7)(E)

SAN FRANCISCO: CONDUCT ANY DISCREET INVESTIGATION INDICATED
FROM ABOVE INFORMATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SCHWARTZ. SUTEL.
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NITEL

TO SACS SACRAMENTO (44-625)
SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)
LOS ANGELES

4/2/74
1 - Mr. Franck
1 - Mr. Wannall
1 - [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI
EX-116 REG-14 44-60006-6

UNSUB; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SC.

RE SC AND SF TELETYPES 4/1/74 AND REBUTELCALL TO
SC 4/2/74.

THIS CONFIRMS REBUTELCALL WHEREIN SACRAMENTO WAS
ADVISED CONTENTS OF RETELS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE
DEPARTMENT AND THEY REQUESTED IMMEDIATE INTERVIEWS BE
CONDUCTED OF INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS FRED SCHEARTZ
AND/OR JERRY DUCOTE AND [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN
FULL DETAILS SURROUNDING THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS
MATTER. NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
[REDACTED] NO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)
[REDACTED] UNLESS NECESSARY TO DO SO TO LOCATE ONE OF (b)(7)(C)
THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO BE INTERVIEWED.

BUTEL SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW RESULTS AND FOLLOW WITH
LHM SETTING FORTH DETAILS THIS INVESTIGATION.

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NOTE: This concerns a limited civil rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division pursuant to a Departmental request into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of \$35,000. Investigation by the Sacramento and San Francisco Divisions indicates Fred Schwartz, possibly identical to one Jerome Joseph Ducote, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

[REDACTED] and possibly involved with one [REDACTED] in a scheme to sell documents to UFW.

On 4/2/74 this matter discussed with Mr. William L. Gardner, CRD, USDJ, who advised Schwartz and/or Ducote, as well as [REDACTED], should be interviewed for full details their involvement in this matter. ASAC Joseph E. O'Connell, Sacramento Office, was telephonically advised to have these persons interviewed but no attempt should be made to interview [REDACTED] or to contact [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)

This communication confirms those instructions.

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NR001 SC PLAIN

12:11AM URGENT 4/8/74 JAN

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE SECTION)
SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)✓

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625)✓ IP

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEANE
CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CR; OO: SC.

RE SACRAMENTO NITEL TO THE BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO, APR. 3,
1974.

ON APR. 8, 1974, SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BAKERSFIELD,
CALIF., RESIDENT AGENCY THAT HE AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE SCHEDULED TO
CONFER WITH SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DENNIS
LEMPERT, EARLY THIS WEEK REGARDING HIS CASE AND HIS ATTORNEY HAS
ADVISED HIM TO DELAY MEETING WITH FBI UNTIL CONCLUSION OF TALKS WITH
LEMPERT.

SAN FRANCISCO: AT SAN JOSE, CALIF.: DETERMINE IF LEMPERT IS
EMPLOYEE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND MAKE DISCREET INQUIRY, IF
POSSIBLE, TO ASCERTAIN REASONS FOR SUBJECT AND LEMPERT'S MEETING.

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9:52 PM URGENT 3-31-74 RLB

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECT., GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P)

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UNSUB: JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA-
VICTIM. CIVIL RIGHTS. 00; SC.

RE SACRAMENTO TEL TO BUREAU MARCH 28, 1974.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ONE CHARLES SCHWARTZ, WMA, AGE: MID 40'S; HT: 6' 2"; WT: 215 LBS., HAD PRE ARRANGED MEETING WITH VICTIM COHEN, CHIEF COUNCIL, UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW), AT BAKERSFIELD, MARCH 25, 1974, AND OFFERED TO SELL CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FOR \$35,000 DOLLARS. THESE PAPERS SUPPOSEDLY RELATE TO CALIFORNIA GROWERS WHO PAID FOR BREAKINS OF UFW OFFICES AND OTHER PLACES DURING 1960'S.

ON MARCH 31, 1974, COHEN AGAIN MET SCHWARTZ AT BAKERSFIELD AND MEETING WAS COVERED BY FBI FISUR. AT THIS MEET SCHWARTZ ADVISED COHEN AS FOLLOWS:

PRICE OF DOCUMENTS NOW \$25,000 DOLLARS. DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN IN TOTAL OF SIXTEEN BREAKINS DURING 1966-70 AND HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN PAST. DOCUMENTS ALSO HAVE BEEN REVIEWED PERIODICALLY BY MILITARY

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INTELLIGENCE ^y~~DURING~~ 1966-70 AND OTHER UNKNOWN AGENCIES. HE NAMED

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
[REDACTED] AS HAVING HIRED BREAKINS. [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE IS DIS -

ENCHANTED WITH HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES, NOT IDENTIFIED. HE CLAIMS THERE ARE TWO PERSONS WHO ARE STILL BEING PAID "HUSH MONEY", ONE IN MEXICO AND ONE IN SPAIN, AND THAT PERIODICALLY AN AGENT OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE OR CIA COMES TO [REDACTED] FOR MONEY FOR THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS. (b)(7)(c)

SCHWARTZ WOULD NOT ALLOW COHEN TO CLOSELY EXAMINE ANY DOCUMENTS. HE TOLD COHEN HE IS FORMER POLICEMAN AND DESIRED TO WRITE BOOK ABOUT MATTER. COHEN SAID UFW WILL NOT PAY SCHWARTZ.

SCHWARTZ WAS OBSERVED BY AGENTS TO LEAVE SCENE IN 1974 BUICK, CALIF., LIC. 816 JZH AND PROCEED FROM MEETING PLACE, RAMADA INN, TO HILTON INN, BAKERSFIELD. CAR IS REGISTERED TO NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, CARE OF [REDACTED] HILTON RECORDS REFLECT JERRY DUCOTE, [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)

[REDACTED] REGISTERED WITH SAME LICENSE NUMBER MARCH 30, 1974, AND DUE TO CHECK OUT APRIL 1, 1974.

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SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, SHOULD VERY DISCREETLY
DEVELOPE BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE- JERRY DUCOTE AND SU TEL.

SACRAMENTO AT SACRAMENTO , CALIFORNIA, WILL OBTAIN
DMV PHOTO OF JERRY DUCOTE TO DETERMINE IF HE IS SAME INDIVIDUAL
REPRESENTING SELF AS SCHWARTZ.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This concerns a limited civil rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division, pursuant to a Departmental request, into alleged break-ins of United Farm Worker's Offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the United Farm Workers (UFW) for a sum of \$35,000.

The attached advises Charles Schwartz met with UFW Chief Counsel Jerry Cohen at Bakersfield, California, 3/31/74 and offered now to sell certain documents for a total of \$25,000. Documents allegedly taken during course of 16 break-ins which occurred during 1966 - 1970., and have been in possession of House Un-American Activities Committee in past. Schwartz named three major California growers as having hired individuals to do break-ins and indicated documents taken were periodically reviewed by military intelligence and other unknown agencies. Schwartz claimed two persons currently being paid "hush money", one in Mexico and one in Spain and that periodically agents of Army Intelligence or CIA send money to these two individuals through one of the three California growers. Schwartz refused Cohen close examination any documents but told Cohen he was a former policeman and desired to write a book about matter. Cohen declined to pay Schwartz for documents.

This matter will be discussed with the Department at which time it will be determined whether dissemination of this information should be made to CIA and Army Intelligence.

TMG/pwl

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

NR 002 SF PLAIN

10:25 AM URGENT 4/11/74 MCC

TO DIRECTOR ATTN CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SACRAMENTO (44-625)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413) (P) 1P

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEANE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR, OO SACRAMENTO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 10, 1974.

IN ABOVE REFERENCED TELETYPE, PARAGRAPH TWO, LINE THREE, THE
WORD CONSTANTLY SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATING. PAGE TWO, PARAGRAPH ONE,
LINE TWO, THE WORD SUPPLEMENT SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTAL. 44-60001-11
PAGE TWO, PARAGRAPH ONE, LINE THREE, THE WORD BACK SHOULD BE BREAK.
CORRECTIONS NOTED ON SAN FRANCISCO'S COPY OF ABOVE REFERENCED
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10:40 AM URGENT 4/10/74 MCC

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
SACRAMENTO (44-625)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413) (P) 2P

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA, JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEANE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR, OO SACRAMENTO.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED APRIL 8, 1974.

ON APRIL 8, 1974, AND APRIL 9, 1974, EFFORTS TO CONTACT
DENNIS LEMPERT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SANTA CLARA COUNTY,
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED THAT HE WAS IN COURT AND WAS NOT
AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.

ON APRIL 10, 1974, LEMPERT ADVISED THAT HE HAD A MEETING
SCHEDULED WITH ABOVE CAPTIONED SUBJECT ON APRIL 11, 1974, IN
SAN JOSE. LEMPERT ADVISED THAT HE WAS ^{contemplating} CONSTANTLY FILING NUMEROUS
GRAND THEFT CHARGES AGAINST DUCOTE. HE SAID THAT DUCOTE WAS
APPARENTLY CONTACTING SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE SAN JOSE AREA AND
BORROWING MONEY FROM THEM AND TELLING THE LENDERS THAT HE WAS
RAISING THE MONEY TO PAY FARM WORKERS. DUCOTE ALLEGED THAT THIS
MONEY WAS GOING TO BE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS TO THE FARM WORKERS IN
ORDER TO ^{BREAK} ~~BACK~~ UP THE UNION. DUCOTE HAS BORROWED APPROXIMATELY
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\$6,000 TO \$7,000 AND HE WAS GOING TO PAY THE PEOPLE BACK AT A HIGHER RATE OF INTEREST. THIS HE HAS NOT DONE. DUCOTE TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM THEY SHOULD CONTACT STEVE D'ARRIGO WHO WOULD PAY BACK THE MONEY. LEMPert ADVISED THAT HE TALKED TO D'ARRIGO AND D'ARRIGO HAS ONLY HEARD OF DUCOTE AND THAT HE IS NOT EMPLOYED BY HIM IN ANY WAY. LEMPert DESCRIBED DUCOTE AS A "CON MAN".

LEMPert ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS HAL CHAPMAN, DUCOTE'S ALLEGED ATTORNEY. LEMPert SAID THAT HE TALKED TO CHAPMAN ON THE TELEPHONE AND THAT CHAPMAN SAID THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY FROM DUCOTE TO REPRESENT HIM. CHAPMAN IS A ONE TIME SAN JOSE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY AND NOW IS A PRACTICING CRIMINAL ATTORNEY.

LEMPert ADVISED THAT DUCOTE CONTACTED HIM AND ASKED HIM IF HE WAS GOING TO PRESS CHARGES AND IF HE WOULD LISTEN TO HIS STORY. LEMPert TOLD DUCOTE THAT HE WOULD LISTEN BEFORE HE PRESSED CHARGES.

LEMPert ADVISED THAT IF CHARGES WERE FILED THAT HE WOULD FILE THEM IN ABOUT A WEEK AND ONE-HALF.

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Date: 4/15/74

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625)(P)

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
JERRY COHEN
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEANE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
CR
OO: Sacramento

Re San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/10/74.

Subject has not contacted Bakersfield RA since 4/8/74.
In view of this, information in referenced teletype, and pending
any further instructions from the Bureau, Sacramento will submit
report by 4/22/74.

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NR 008 SF PLAINTEXT

8:38PM NITEL 4/19/74 MEB

TO: DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO (44-625)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413) (P) 2 PAGES

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE AKA; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEANE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: SACRAMENTO.

RE SCNITEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL 18, 1974.

ON APRIL 19, 1974, HAL CHAPMAN, ATTORNEY FOR DUCOTE, WAS
CONTACTED AT HIS OFFICE, 111 WEST ST. JOHN STREET, SAN JOSE,
CALIFORNIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFORDING DUCOTE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER. DUCOTE WAS
PRESENT IN THE OFFICE BUT NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERVIEW HIM.

CHAPMAN ADVISED THAT DUCOTE HAD INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE
UNITED FARM WORKERS AND DUCOTE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION AS A
RESULT OF WORKING FOR SOME PEOPLE (PEOPLE NOT IDENTIFIED), AND
DUCOTE BECAME INVOLVED AND THESE PEOPLE BACKED OUT ON DUCOTE.

CHAPMAN ADVISED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS "BIGGER THAN WATERGATE"

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AND WANTS TO HAVE DUCOTE GRANTED IMMUNITY FROM FEDERAL PROSECUTION BEFORE DIVULGING THIS INFORMATION. CHAPMAN SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION INVOLVES POLITICIANS AND OTHERS (NOT IDENTIFIED). CHAPMAN BELIEVES THAT DUCOTE'S LIFE MAY BE POSSIBLY IN DANGER ^{AS} A RESULT OF RELEASING THIS INFORMATION.

CHAPMAN ALSO WANTED IMMUNITY FOR DUCOTE FROM LOCAL PROSECUTION BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATION BY DUCOTE OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL CODE CONNECTED WITH THE SAME INFORMATION. CHAPMAN DESIRED THAT IF POSSIBLE THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BE PRESENT. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH HIS CLIENT FOR THIS INTERVIEW ON APRIL 24, OR APRIL 25, 1974.

CHAPMAN WAS ADVISED THAT EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO SEE WHAT COULD BE WORKED OUT AND HE WOULD BE RECONTACTED.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

SAN FRANCISCO WILL AWAIT BUREAU INSTRUCTION PRIOR TO RECONTACTING CHAPMAN AND DUCOTE FOR INTERVIEW.

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4/22/74

TO SACS SACRAMENTO (44-625)
SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. Davis

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE AKA; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM
WORKERS, KEANE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CR; OO: SC.

RESFNITEL DATED 4/19/74.

DEPARTMENT WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF
RETEL. DEPARTMENT STATED THAT NO FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE
MADE TO INTERVIEW DUCOTE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT THE
USA AND WORK OUT DETAILS AFTER WHICH BUREAU WILL BE
ADVISED IF FURTHER EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW ARE DESIRED.

DEPARTMENT NOTED THAT IF CHAPMAN CONTACTS OFFICE FOR
DECISION IN THIS MATTER, HE CAN BE REFERRED DIRECTLY TO
THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

SAN FRANCISCO AND SACRAMENTO DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO
INTERVIEW DUCOTE PER DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS. ADVISE
APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF CHAPMAN'S FEARS FOR
DUCOTE'S SAFETY.

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NOTE: This concerns a limited civil rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division pursuant to a Departmental request into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of \$35,000. Investigation by Sacramento and San Francisco Divisions indicate subject, aka Fred Schwartz, former deputy sheriff, Santa Clara County, California Sheriff's Department, and [REDACTED] are possibly involved in a scheme to sell documents to UFW. Department desired subject and [REDACTED] be interviewed for details. Subject's attorney advised subject has information "bigger than Watergate" but prior to disclosing information he wants subject granted immunity from Federal prosecution and immunity from local prosecution by Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, San Jose, California, for possible violation of the Business and Professional Code connected with the same information. Subject's attorney believes subject's life may be in danger as result of releasing information. b7c

This instructs San Francisco and Sacramento to discontinue efforts to interview subject per Departmental Attorney Frank Allen to SA [REDACTED] on 4/22/74. b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SACRAMENTO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SACRAMENTO	DATE 4/19/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/28 - 4/10/74
TITLE OF CASE JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; JERRY COHEN United Farm Workers, Keene, California - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c	TYPED BY vck
		CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone call to Sacramento, 3/27/74;
Bureau letter to Sacramento, 3/29/74;
Bureau nitel to Sacramento, 4/2/74;
San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/10/74;
Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 4/15/74.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, 4/18/74.

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As in referenced nitel of 4/18/74, the subject has requested an interview at San Jose, California, therefore, this case is being maintained in a pending status at Sacramento until results of that interview are known.

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San Francisco is being furnished an information copy of this report in the event of any further request for investigation in that Division.

LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Report results of interview of subject.

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct additional investigation if requested by Bureau after results of subject's interview are studied.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [REDACTED] b7c

Date:

4/19/74

Office: Sacramento, California

Field Office File #:

44-625

Bureau File #:

Title:

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE;
JERRY COHEN
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM

Character:

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Synopsis:

JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW) Keene, Calif., advised he held prearranged meeting with one FRED SCHWARTZ, 3/25/74, at Bakersfield, Calif. SCHWARTZ claimed to have documents taken in robberies whereby informants at direction of two California growers, which would be of interest to UFW, and which he offered to sell COHEN for \$35,000. Another meeting between COHEN and SCHWARTZ took place at Bakersfield, 3/31/74, and was observed by Buagents. SCHWARTZ was photographed at this meeting and later identified as subject JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, white male, dob 6/28/29, Gulfport, Mississippi, residence 1528 Hanchette, San Jose, Calif. At this time subject lowered his price to \$25,000 and named three California growers allegedly involved in this matter. On 4/1/74, subject telephoned COHEN and asked for \$600 to \$1,000 immediate cash which he said was needed for bail. On same date subject telephonically contacted the FBI Office Bakersfield, Calif., under name SCHWARTZ, and said he would submit to interview 4/4/74. Subject was contacted at Bakersfield, 4/2/74, by Buagents and stated he had been in business of gathering intelligence for certain California growers re UFW activities, that he is in debt for \$20,000, and that he expects criminal charges to be filed against him. He

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would not elaborate until he could confer with attorney. On 4/3/74, and 4/8/74, subject telephonically contacted FBI Bakersfield, and said he would appear for interview as soon as he receives approval from his attorney, HAL CHAPMAN. Contact with Santa Clara County California District Attorney's Office, revealed subject borrowed money from several people in San Jose area telling lenders he was raising money to pay farm workers in order to back up union. Criminal charges maybe filed against subject by that office. It was also learned that CHAPMAN supposedly not retained as subject's attorney.

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DETAILS:

The following are the results of a limited investigation.

By letter dated March 28, 1974, from J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, to the Director of the FBI, the following background information and instructions were received:

On Wednesday, March 27, 1974, this Division was contacted telephonically by JERRY COHEN, counsel in California for the United Farm Workers Union, telephone 805 822-5571. COHEN related that he had been contacted by a person who provided the fictitious name of "FRED SCHWARTZ". SCHWARTZ purported to have information that three people had broken into various United Farm Worker Union offices in California, as well as the offices of other organizations assisting the United Farm Workers Union and their activities, including SNCC and the Saul Alinsky Organization. COHEN received the impression that SCHWARTZ was an attorney and was representing one of persons responsible for the break-ins. SCHWARTZ wanted \$35,000 for evidence he would provide linking numerous California growers to these break-ins. COHEN met with SCHWARTZ on Monday, March 25, 1974, in Bakersfield, to discuss the matter further. SCHWARTZ provided COHEN with brief glimpses of materials in his possession purporting to have been seized from offices broken into. SCHWARTZ also provided a list of such places, including a United Farm Workers Union office in Delano, called Filipino Hall. COHEN related that Filipino Hall was in fact the object of an armed robbery last year and that the crime had never been solved. Among the materials taken at that time were financial records of the union and records relating to certain of their activities covered by the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act. SCHWARTZ further related that there were checks in existence which would establish a financial link between the alleged thieves and the growers. COHEN further related that SCHWARTZ was extremely anxious to raise the \$35,000, as his "client" was supposed to be charged this week with fraud by unknown prosecuting authorities. As the above information indicates a possible violation of Title 18, U.S.C. 241 involving interference with the rights of United Farm Worker Union members and workers under the Norris-LaGuardia Labor Act, please conduct the following limited investigation:

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Interview Attorney JERRY COHEN for full details of his contacts to date with FRED SCHWARTZ. In the event SCHWARTZ recontacts COHEN, which COHEN feels is inevitable, arrange with COHEN to be informed of the location of the meeting to take place between COHEN and SCHWARTZ. Establish a surveillance of that meeting and attempt to ascertain the identity of SCHWARTZ. Following the meeting phase reinterview COHEN for full details of the conversation. Assuming SCHWARTZ can be identified by photographs, fingerprints or in some other manner, please inform this Division of the results of the interview with COHEN and the identification of SCHWARTZ in order for us to determine what further investigation, if any, is warranted. Also, please do not inform local law enforcement authorities of the meeting between COHEN and SCHWARTZ at this time.

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JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW), Keene, California, was contacted during the morning of March 28, 1974, and furnished the following information:

On Thursday, March 21, 1974, he received a telephone call from a male individual who said "You will know me as FRED SCHWARTZ" and indicated he was from San Francisco, California. SCHWARTZ said he had some valuable information to sell concerning break-ins of UFW offices, churches, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and certain individual residences. A meeting was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. March 25, 1974, at the Hilton Hotel Bar in Bakersfield, California, and SCHWARTZ told him to "come alone".

On Monday, March 25, 1974, at about 3:00 p.m. he met SCHWARTZ at the Hilton Bar in Bakersfield, he (COHEN) was accompanied by a friend, DAN LAVERY, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney who resides at 307 Jeffrey Street, Bakersfield. LAVERY was not introduced to SCHWARTZ as his friend, but merely preceded him, COHEN, into the bar, to act as a witness. At this meeting SCHWARTZ had in his possession a file or folder approximately one inch thick which he said contained stolen UFW or UFW related documents. SCHWARTZ advised that these documents and papers were a sample of others that were accessible to him which were taken in connection with various "robberies" or "from inside" UFW by an informant, all at the direction of two California growers. SCHWARTZ made the statement that he represented a man who is to be indicted on March 29, 1974, for fraud, no city or state mentioned, and he, SCHWARTZ, owed this man a favor. At times SCHWARTZ referred to the man as his client, the thief, and at other times he mentioned his clients, indicating more than one person.

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SCHWARTZ exhibited to him a hand written list of targets of past "robberies", which list was written on yellow lined paper. COHEN recalled the following names from this list:

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

The Student Non Violent Coordination Committee
(SNCC) San Francisco, California

Filipino Hall, Delano, California, (this hall was the victim of an armed robbery during about 1968, at which time some UFW papers and documents were stolen)

[REDACTED] b7c

A Catholic Church office, city or state not recalled.

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SCHWARTZ then handed him two small date-calendar books, which contained the name [REDACTED]. He attempted to review these books but they were retrieved by SCHWARTZ before he could examine them for authenticity. b7C

He recalls that during about 1965 a UFW building called the "Pink Building" was burglarized in Delano, and some Community Services Organization (CSO) files were stolen. [REDACTED] was associated with CSO and UFW at that time and SCHWARTZ allowed him to examine a letter from [REDACTED] to UFW Director CESAR ESTRADA CHAVEZ, dated either 1965 or 1966. He was also allowed to examine a few other un-recalled documents, however, the items he was permitted to review appeared to contain innocuous information. b7C b7C

SCHWARTZ said that the documents he had in his possession and others were stolen (dates not mentioned) in various "robberies" and that these crimes were committed at the direction of two California farmers, one a large grape grower in Delano and [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED]

SCHWARTZ repeated that he represented an individual who was to be indicted for fraud on March 29, 1974, and needed \$25,000 to get out of trouble. SCHWARTZ said he was asking \$35,000 from UFW for all of the documents and information available to him. He said the extra \$10,000 would be split between unidentified persons.

COHEN said he told SCHWARTZ that he had no intention of buying stolen UFW property. He left SCHWARTZ with the impression that UFW would not pay him any money

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and that if he felt that a crime had been committed he, COHEN, might report the matter to the proper authorities.

The entire conversation with SCHWARTZ consumed approximately fifteen to twenty minutes. There was no attempt at extortion by SCHWARTZ.

He recalls the following additional information in connection with his contact with SCHWARTZ:

SCHWARTZ said that [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] was aware of the material in his, SCHWARTZ's possession and was using this information for political gain, but gave no more specific information concerning this particular matter.

SCHWARTZ also mentioned the California Council of Growers, but did not give any specific information concerning whether or not this organization was involved in the matter at hand.

SCHWARTZ claimed he had approached an unnamed Delano grower with a proposition to sell information, but was rejected. SCHWARTZ further advised that he planned next to contact [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] in an attempt to pedal his information.

SCHWARTZ drank sherry wine and chained smoked Camel cigarettes during their conversation. He recalls that at one point SCHWARTZ called the Hilton bartender "FRENCHIE".

When he left FRED SCHWARTZ this individual said "This is the last time that you'll see me" and indicated that his client, the man who stole the documents from UFW

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and other locations, would possibly desire to meet him, COHEN. SCHWARTZ said that he would contact him, COHEN, telephonically on or about March 29, 1974, to arrange for a meeting between COHEN and his client.

COHEN said he is willing to accept any offers of another meeting and advised he would immediately contact the FBI if any additional such meetings are suggested. He said FRED SCHWARTZ is unknown to him by sight or name, but he feels positive he could identify this man by personal observation or photograph.

COHEN described FRED SCHWARTZ as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Mid 40's
Height	6'2"
Weight	215 pounds
Eyes	Unknown
Hair	Dark, regular cut
Marks, Scars or	
Tattoos	None noted
Characteristics	Has deep voice, no accent; chain smokes Camel cigarettes
Dress	Brown sport coat with white colored shirt and tie, dark slacks

COHEN said he has been in contact with [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED], these contacts being by telephone during
March 26 and March 27, 1974. He said [REDACTED] acknowledged
he had received a telephone call from SCHWARTZ.

During the afternoon of March 28, 1974, COHEN
telephonically furnished the following information:

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Several hours after the above interview was completed, [REDACTED] telephonically advised him that he had met FRED SCHWARTZ in Burlingame, California, and that SCHWARTZ had told him [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was advised to call the FBI in Bakersfield with the information, but stated that at the present time he intended to travel to San Jose, to personally investigate the matter.

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1Date of transcription 4/2/74

JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Union, Keene, California, telephonically advised that he had received a telephone call from FRED SCHWARTZ who requested COHEN meet him at The Ramada Inn Coffee Shop at Bakersfield, California at 3:30 P.M., March 31, 1974.

3/30/74 Bakersfield, California
Interviewed on _____ at _____ File # SC 44-625
by [REDACTED] ^{b7c} 3/30/74
Date dictated _____

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4/2/74

Date of transcription

On March 31, 1974, a physical surveillance was conducted in the Coffee Shop of the Ramada Inn, and immediate vicinity, 2620 Pierce Road, Bakersfield, California, and the following was noted:

At 3:26 P.M., JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers Union, entered the Coffee Shop through the west door. At 3:34 P.M. a white male, age 45-50, 6 feet 1 inch to 2 inches, 215 - 220 pounds, grey hair, wearing a black sweater vest, polka dot shirt, carrying a dark colored briefcase, entered the same door and met with COHEN. They talked until COHEN left at 4:12 P.M. At 4:16 P.M., the unknown man who was with COHEN, left the Coffee Shop through the motel exit, walked approximately 40 feet south and drove away in a 1974 brown Buick, California license 816 JZM. He proceeded directly to The Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield, arriving there at 4:21 P.M., March 31, 1974.

This unknown man was photographed from a concealed position approximately 100 feet away by Special Agent [REDACTED] as he entered and exited the Ramada Inn Coffee Shop. b7c

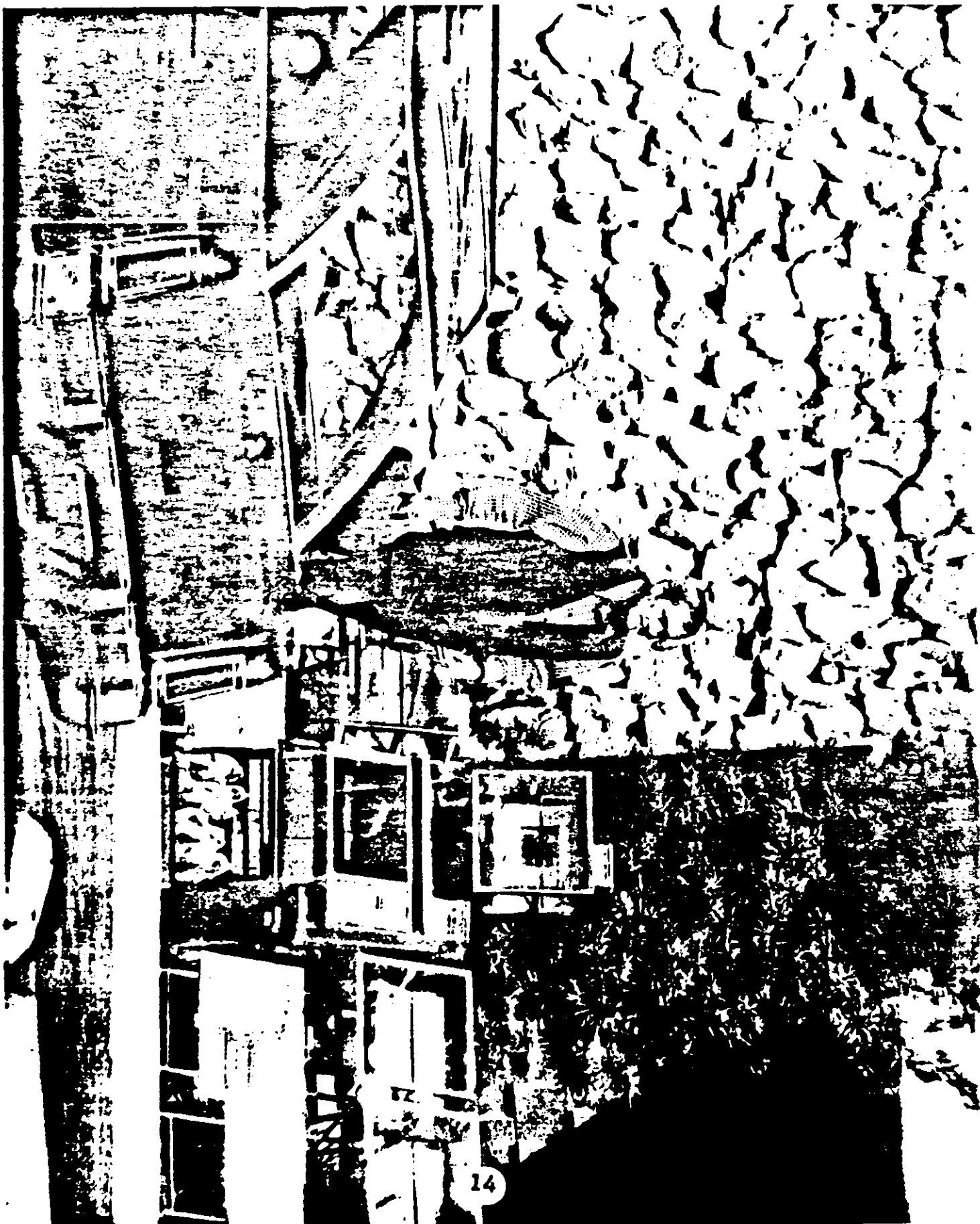
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by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Date dictated 3/31/74
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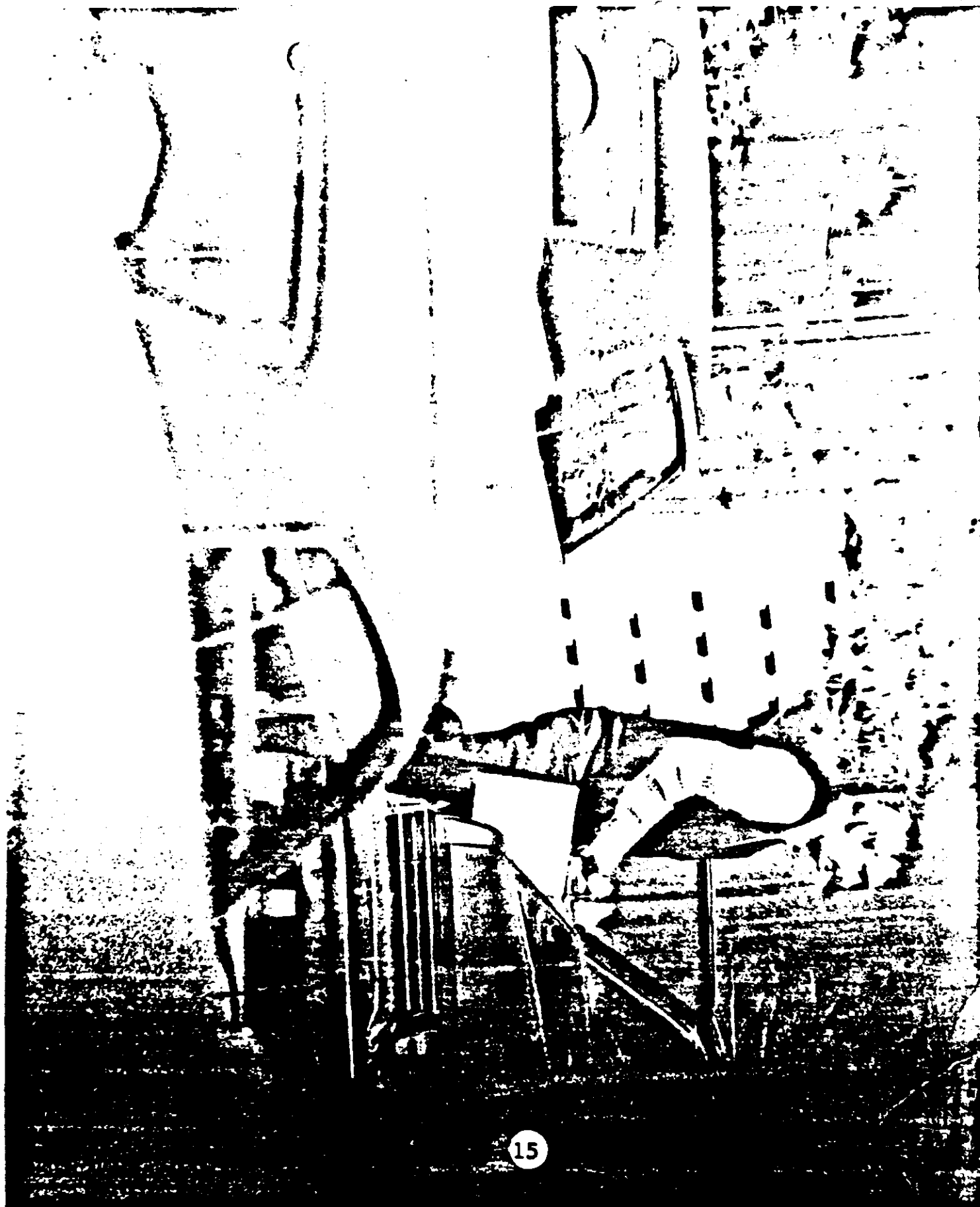
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The following are two of the photographs
taken of the man who met with COHEN as discussed above
(this person was later identified as JEROME JOSEPH
DUCOTE):





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A check of room registration cards at the Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, determined the following information:

On March 30, 1974, a JERRY DUCOTE, 1528 Hanchett, San Jose, California, registered at the Hilton Inn, Room 240, registration card number 33699. The card showed a vehicle as a 1974 Appollo, California license 816-JZH, and a firm as St. Dismas Publishing. DUCOTE checked in at 10:56 A.M. and indicated he was checking out on April 1, 1974. Only one person was indicated on the registration card.

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by SAs [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] fje 3/31/74
Date dictated _____

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Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles
(D.M.V.), Sacramento, California, were caused to be
reviewed on March 31, 1974 and revealed that California
automobile license

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Date of transcription

JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers (UFW) of Keene, California, was interviewed at 307 Jeffrey, Bakersfield, California, during the afternoon and advised as follows:

He met FRED SCHWARTZ at the Ramada Inn Coffee Shop on Pierce Road, Bakersfield, at about 3:30 P.M. and held an approximate 40 minute conversation with this individual. At this meeting SCHWARTZ furnished the following information:

The price of the documents was lowered to \$25,000. The papers in question were taken in 16 separate break-ins of UFW offices, and other organizations and residences during 1966-1969 and possibly including 1970. These documents were in possession of the House Un-American Activities Committee for two weeks at some-time in the past and have been reviewed periodically by the Military Intelligence during 1966 through 1970, as well as other unknown agencies.

SCHWARTZ named [REDACTED] b7C

as having hired break-ins.

[REDACTED] b7C

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He is disenchanted with his former associates, who were not identified. This appears to be one of the rationalizations he is using to justify turning against such associates. He also mentioned that he had aspirations of writing a book concerning this matter.

He claimed there are two persons who are still being paid "hush money" by the growers, one in Mexico and one in Spain, and that periodically an Agent of the Army Intelligence or the "CIA" approaches [REDACTED] for additional money for these two individuals. b7c

SCHWARTZ further advised COHEN that he was a former policeman. He would not allow COHEN to closely examine any of the documents discussed.

COHEN said he told SCHWARTZ that insofar as he is concerned UFW would not pay for the documents. SCHWARTZ asked him to confer with the UFW board and he would be in contact later. COHEN said he would advise UFW Director CESAR CHAVEZ of the matter.

On the evening of March 31, 1974, COHEN advised as follows:

SCHWARTZ telephoned him at about 8:30 P.M., March 31, 1974, for a final decision from UFW. He told SCHWARTZ that the UFW Board had decided not to pay

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any money in connection with this matter. He further told SCHWARTZ that he had communicated with the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice who advised him to tell SCHWARTZ to contact the FBI at Bakersfield concerning the documents. COHEN said he told SCHWARTZ to contact Special Agent [REDACTED] at the Bakersfield FBI Office and furnished SCHWARTZ the telephone number of that office. SCHWARTZ indicated he would contact the FBI on April 1, 1974. b7C

COHEN said he had been in telephone contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him no payments would be made [REDACTED] b7C

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JERRY COHEN, Chief Counsel, United Farm Workers, (UFW) Keene, California telephonically stated that at approximately 3:00 P.M., April 1, 1974, he received a telephone call from FRED SCHWARTZ who advised as follows:

He needs immediate cash for bail of between \$600 - \$1,000 and in return is willing to sign a statement implicating certain California growers in 16 burglaries. He indicated bond was between \$6,000 - \$10,000 and said "we need bail bad." SCHWARTZ said he contacted an attorney "up north" who told him other matters should be resolved before contact with the FBI.

SCHWARTZ sounded very desperate during the conversation. He mentioned that one of the persons involved in the burglaries had nine children.

COHEN said he had conferred with UFW Director, CESAR CHAVEZ concerning what course to take and CESAR told him to "ask the FBI." COHEN said that he had recommended no money whatsoever be paid SCHWARTZ. COHEN expects another contact by SCHWARTZ and feels that SCHWARTZ will desire to meet with him again on April 2, 1974 to attempt to persuade him to pay UFW money for information. It appeared from the conversation that SCHWARTZ was still in the Bakersfield area.

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by [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 4/1/74

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At 4:20 P.M., April 1, 1974, an individual who identified himself as FRED SCHWARTZ telephonically contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] at the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and advised as follows: b7c

He has been in contact with JERRY COHEN and COHEN told him he had talked to Senator's KENNEDY's Office who would make arrangements for him, SCHWARTZ, to furnish information to the FBI. He declined to discuss the matter on the telephone and made an appointment to appear in the FBI Office, Bakersfield, at 9:30 A.M., April 4, 1974.

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[REDACTED] Arriaga Brothers is located at 706 N. [REDACTED] Street, Salinas, California. [REDACTED] is a produce company primarily involved in lettuce. The company telephone number is (405) 424-9955. [REDACTED] established in Salinas for a long time and was formerly associated with the United Farm Workers, insofar as a union is concerned. [REDACTED]

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On April 2, 1974, instructions were received at the department requesting immediate interview be conducted of FRED SCHWARTZ and or JERRY DUCOTE and [REDACTED] in order to ascertain full details surrounding their involvement in this matter. It was further advised that no attempt should be made to interview [REDACTED] and that no contact should be made with the [REDACTED] unless necessary to do so to locate one of those individuals to be interviewed.

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FBI

Date: 4/25/74

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE aka;
JERRY COHEN
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEANE, CALIFORNIA -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: SAN FRANCISCO

Re Bureau teletype to Sacramento and San Francisco dated 4/22/74.

On 4/22/74, efforts to contact DENNIS LEMPert, Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, California, revealed that he would not be available until 4/25/74.

On 4/25/74, LEMPert was advised of CHAPMAN's concern for DUCOTE. LEMPert said that he would be alert for anything that might threaten DUCOTE's life. LEMPert was also advised of the Department of Justice course of action as set forth in referenced teletype.

Inasmuch as no further investigation remains in the San Francisco Division, this matter is being considered RUC.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/22/74

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Via _____ AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625)(P)
SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
JERRY COHEN
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
CR
OO: Sacramento

Re Sacramento report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/19/74. b7C

Upon first reading of referenced report by case agent, correction was noted in synopsis on line 4, word 7. This word was inadvertently typed as "whereby" and should be "or by."

Bureau and San Francisco are requested to make necessary adjustments.

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Sacramento and USA copies have been appropriately corrected.

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Date: 4/22/74

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (C)
JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
JERRY COHEN;
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
CR
OO: SC

Re Sacramento report of SA [REDACTED] 4/19/74, 67C
and Bureau teletype to Sacramento and San Francisco, 4/22/74.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for
San Francisco one copy of LHM concerning subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Sacramento, California

April 22, 1974

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE;
JERRY COHEN;
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM

[REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED], telephonically furnished the following
information voluntarily to the Office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation at Bakersfield, California, on
April 22, 1974:

He has determined that Fred Schwartz' true
name is Jerry Ducote of San Jose, California.

[REDACTED] b7C

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 4/29/74

FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE;
JERRY COHEN;
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4/25/74
(your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the ~~report of Special Agent~~ letterhead memorandum
dated 4/22/74 at Sacramento.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning
a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of
reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless
advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will
be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further
developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will
be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be
taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (1) Note: Please correct line 4, word 7 of the
synopsis page (page 1) of FBI Sacramento
report of SA [redacted], dated 4/19/74, ^{b7c}
to read "or by" rather than "whereby."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 1P

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA; JERRY COHEN, UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA DASH VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS, OO: SACRAMENTO.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU AND SACRAMENTO, DATED APRIL 10,
1974 AND SACRAMENTO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, DATED APRIL 15, 1974.

ON APRIL 18, 1974, SUBJECT TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BAKERSFIELD,
CALIFORNIA RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED HE WAS NOT READY TO FURNISH
INFORMATION TO FBI. HE SAID HIS ATTORNEY, HAL CHAPMAN, TELEPHONE
NUMBER 294-2270, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTED HE BE INTERVIEWED AT
SAN JOSE. SUBJECT SAID CHAPMAN IS ACQUAINTED WITH SA [REDACTED] OF SAN
JOSE AND REQUESTED [REDACTED] CONTACT CHAPMAN AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE
TO SET UP INTERVIEW DATE.

DETAILED REPORT IN THIS CASE IS DUE OUT OF SACRAMENTO DIVISION
ON APRIL 19, 1974.

SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEW SUBJECT AND
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 17 1974
JSP:WLG:ljr

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-11E-126

SUBJECT: Jerome Joseph Ducote
United Farm Workers
Keene, California
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 25, 1974, enclosing one copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated April 19, 1974 at Sacramento. b7C.

Please disseminate the allegations and information contained in the referenced memorandum to the appropriate local law enforcement authorities, inasmuch as the matters therein involve possible violations of California statutes.

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To: SAC, Sacramento (44-625)

From: Director ^{REC-17} 44-6000-211 - Mr. Gardner

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA
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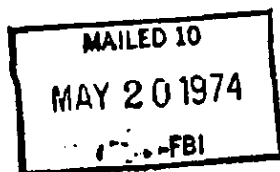
Enclosed are two copies of a Departmental letter dated 5/17/74.

Handle the dissemination of the information pursuant to the enclosed request of the Department and advise date dissemination was made and identities of persons to whom the information was furnished.

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To: SAC, Sacramento (44-625)

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From: Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Gardner

① JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE
① UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA
CIVIL RIGHTS

ReBuairtel dated 5/20/74.

Advise whether or not appropriate dissemination of the information obtained during the course of this investigation has been made pursuant to instructions contained in reBuairtel.

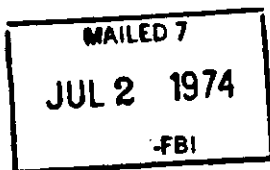
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/1/74

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (44-625) (C)

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Cohen
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA -
VICTIM
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OO: Sacramento

Re Bureau airtel to Sacramento, dated 5/20/74.

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were advised of the allegations and information developed concerning this matter on 6/3/74 and 6/7/74 respectively.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Assistant Attorney General
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 8/20/74

FROM: Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE,
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA
CIVIL RIGHTSReference is made to your memorandum dated 5/17/74
(your file JSP:WLG:ljr). DJ 144-11E-126There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____.A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning
a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of
reports as they are received.C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless
advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will
be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further
developments.G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will
be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be
taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Appropriate dissemination of information in
this case was made to local authorities.

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1-Mr. Mintz
1-Mr. Gallagher
1-Mr. Moore

Mr. J. B. Adams

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1-Mr. Notis

1-Mr. Coulson

Legal Counsel

INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.),
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

On 1/6/75, Alan Parker, Chief Counsel, House Sub-
Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee
on the Judiciary telephonically contacted Inspector John B. Notis
regarding allegations made by JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE to the effect
that he had committed political burglaries on behalf of the FBI.

This matter has received considerable press attention
in California, and Congressman Edwards has expressed an interest
in these allegations. Edwards has posed several questions con-
cerning DUCOTE'S association with the FBI including the following:

1. Was DUCOTE an informant for the FBI?
2. Has he been interviewed by the FBI?
3. Has the FBI received any information from DUCOTE
obtained from illegal activities?
4. Does the FBI evaluate the source of and the infor-
mation offered?
5. If information obtained illegally is offered to
the FBI, is an investigation instituted, and are proper authori-
ties notified?

Congressman Edwards is leaving for California on
1/10/76 and has requested an oral briefing on 1/9/76 so that he
may answer inquiries he may receive while in California.

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Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams

Re: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.),
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Joseph Jerome Ducote is the subject of the case entitled, JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka, UNITED FARM WORKERS, KLEN, California-- Victim 00 Sacramento-- Bu File 44-60006.

Investigation instituted 3/27/74 revealed that DUCOTE, using name FRED SCHWARTZ, contacted attorney for United Farm Workers (UFW) and offered to sell documents obtained in burglaries from UFW office for \$35,000. DUCOTE was to furnish evidence linking burglaries to numerous California Growers.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USDO advised that no Federal Violation existed, and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities.

Our investigation to date does not indicate there is any substance to the allegation, however, this investigation is still pending. This information is contained in the case entitled JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka et. al.-- Information Concerning. See Bu File 62-116783.

Mr. Parker was advised on 1/8/76 that there is a pending investigation concerning DUCOTE, and that a briefing concerning the details of the investigation is not possible at this time.

Mr. Parker advised that a formal letter would be directed to the Bureau posing certain questions concerning this matter. He further advised that he was forwarding to the Office of Congressional Affairs, newspaper articles and a 93-page statement allegedly given by DUCOTE to State authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: January 26, 1976

ATTN: MR. WILLIAM L. GARDNER

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA
JERRY DUCOTE,
FRED SCHWARTZ;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated January 20, 1976
(your file DJ 144-11E 126). JSP:WLF:1jr

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____
dated _____ at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

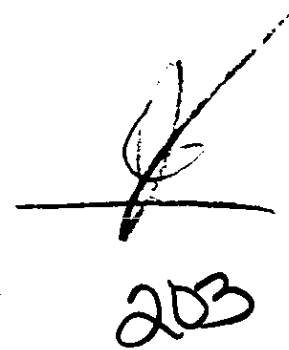
F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA

NOTE: This confirms conversation between Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner and SA John S. Giaquinto, wherein Mr. Gardner advised that he had no objection to FD-302s and memoranda setting forth results of Bureau contacts with subject, Ducote and his associates, being disseminated to the Santa Clara Prosecutors Office, as well as the California State Attorney General for their prosecutive assistance.

Mr. Gallagher

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Adams
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J. S. Peelman

1 - Mr. Gallagher
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1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - Mr. Giaquinto
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Walsh
1 - Mr. McDermott
1 - Mr. Moore
1 - Mr. Wannall

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, Also Known as
Jerry Ducote, Fred Schwartz;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE: To advise of the status of an investigation instituted to resolve reported allegations that Joseph Jerome Ducote burglarized at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the materials stolen to the FBI.

BACKGROUND: You were previously advised in a J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 12/22/75, that in March, 1974, the Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), requested investigation of repeated break-ins of United Farm Workers (UFW) offices in California between 1966 and 1970, in possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. The investigation centered around an individual identified as Joseph Jerome Ducote, known as a con man and a former deputy sheriff, Santa Clara County, California.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USDJ advised that no Federal violation existed and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities. Said information was disseminated by our Sacramento Division to the Chief of Police (COP), Delano, California, Police Department, and Kern County Sheriff's Office, June, 1974.

On 11/24/75, John M. Lilly, Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, State of California, advised SA Malcolm E. Sample of the San Jose Resident Agency that during the approximate period 1967 - 1968, Ducote committed several politically oriented burglaries, including the San Jose Peace Center. According to Lilly, Ducote committed the burglaries at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the stolen materials to both the FBI and Western Research of Oakland, California. Lilly stated that Ducote will be prosecuted by the State of California for possession of stolen documents and indicated that Ducote will state as his defense that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
62-116783

DETAILS: On 12/22/75, Special Agent John Lilly, Bureau of Investigation, advised that Ducote had been arrested by them and incarcerated in the Santa Clara County Jail, with bail set at \$100,000. He is charged with 14 counts of grand theft and possessing and concealing stolen property. Lilly stated in their continuing investigation, they now find that Ducote merely alluded to dealing with some security agency and that other people concluded that it must be the FBI.

On 12/24/75, Joseph Jerome Ducote was interviewed by SAs of the FBI at the Santa Clara County Jail and provided the following information:

Ducote advised that he has never worked for the FBI in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to Agents of the FBI nor did he ever meet any Bureau Agents who were acting in an undercover capacity.

Ducote stated, however, that Western Research of Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he had in his possession. Ducote said he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based upon the way the person was dressed and in his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what was believed to be two meets with the CIA, the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings. Ducote refused to comment on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned it might jeopardize his current position.

Bureau files reveal Western Research Foundation, also known as Research West, Inc., is a private subversive information-gathering and news clipping agency which provides said information to private industry and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and was utilized as a source by the San Francisco Division as CS SF-33X (closed).

Comprehensive letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by both the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions regarding this matter, specifically deny that Ducote or his associates provided any stolen documents to SAs of the FBI or were ever operated as sources, informants, or at the direction of the FBI.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE
62-116783

It is noted, however, that a mailing list for the San Jose Peace Center, one of the organizations reportedly burglarized by Ducote in 1967, was provided to SA Malcolm E. Sample in 1965, by former SF 2581-S, at the time a highly placed source at the Center. This source obtained the list as a result of source's direct affiliation with the Peace Center and not through any contact with Ducote. Bureau files contain no information which would link source with Ducote.

Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner was advised of the status of the pending investigation and furnished copies of all letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by San Francisco and Sacramento. Gardner stated that said letterhead memoranda should be furnished to the California authorities in order to assist in their prosecution of Ducote.

By letter dated January 8, 1976, directed to SAC Charles W. Bates, the Attorney General, State of California, and the Chief Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, made written requests for certain original FD-302s and memoranda regarding Ducote, said request in addition to the letterhead memoranda provided, in order to assist in this prosecution of stolen property and grand theft. The State Attorney General was most appreciative of being provided with copies of the comprehensive letterhead memoranda but indicated that certain original documents were necessary.

In addition to the above, Chief Assistant District Attorney William P. Hoffman, Santa Clara County, requested information as to whether the FBI has in its possession a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center. The SAC, San Francisco, recommended that in view of fact that the list was provided by SF 2581-S, prior to the date of the reported burglaries, and has no direct bearing re the prosecution of Ducote, that the District Attorney be advised that "This office did not receive a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center from either Joseph Jerome Ducote or his associates." The Intelligence Division (INTD) and Legal Counsel Division (LCD) concurred with this reply and SAC Bates was advised accordingly.

With the above exception, there has been no request made by the California authorities for any original memoranda or FD-302s regarding former CS SF-33X or SF 2581-S.

The CRD, USDJ, and the U. S. Attorney, San Francisco, have been provided copies of all affidavits and memoranda and pertinent information regarding this matter.

ACTION: The opinion of the USDJ will be obtained re release of the original FD-302s and other memoranda regarding Ducote and his associates as requested by California authorities. The LCD and INTD concur with this action.

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Big Coverup In Burglary, Chavez Says

By Rick Carroll

Cesar Chavez and his top lawyer in the United Farm Workers charged yesterday there was a massive political coverup of the 1967 burglary of the union's headquarters in Delano.

"I think the Reagan Administration was up to its neck in a coverup," Chavez told newsmen in La Paz, the union's headquarters east Bakersfield.

"The whole thing is a little Watergate. Law enforcement officials knew about this but did nothing."

He and UFW general counsel Jerry Cohen were referring to admissions Tuesday by Jerome Ducote that at least two major grape growers conspiratorially backed his burglary in Delano.

Cohen charged that "the FBI, the CIA and the Delano police of course have known about the burglaries for a long time — the Delano police since the night they occurred and the FBI since February of 1974 when they shadowed a meeting I had with Ducote in a coffee shop of the Ramada Inn in Bakersfield where he tried to sell me back the stolen documents for \$25,000."

Cohen said the CIA learned about the burglaries when Ducote, according to Ducote's own admission, met with a CIA liaison agent in Washington in 1967 following a meeting with then-Congressman Charles S. Gubser (Rep-Gilroy), who has since retired.

"So," said Cohen, "a central question is, why did it take so long? Why does this all surface now after the three-year statute of limitations has run out, and the trails to evidence grown stale?"

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 S.F. Chronicle

San Francisco, Ca.

Date: 12-25-75

Edition: Home

Author: Rick Carroll

Editor: deYoung Thieriot

Title: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE

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Character: INFO. CONCERNING

or SF 62-6943

Classification: 62

Submitting Office: SF

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Cohen said there ought to be a high-level investigation of law enforcement inactivity in the case, "but I don't know whom to call upon. You don't send in Typhoid Mary to fight an epidemic of typhoid."

Meanwhile, Ducote has told state investigators that while he wasn't stealing documents in the late 1960s he was criss-crossing the country raising money from big businessmen "for our operation."

Checks raised in this way, he said in a statement on file in San Jose Municipal Court, were forwarded to a post office box in Willow Glen, Santa Clara county.

Kenneth Wilhelm, then secretary of the Santa Clara county Farm Bureau, had the key to the post office box, Ducote said.

Ducote, a former Santa Clara county sheriff's deputy and former president of that county's Young Republican Club, is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail on 21 counts of concealing stolen documents and grand theft.

His lengthy statement given to state agent Walter Kubas details how he burglarized the headquarters of the United Farm Workers in Delano, the San Jose Peace center, the Oakland Peace Center and Ramparts Magazine, to name a few.

He performed these political chores, he said, with the backing of various farmers opposed to the UFW or with the backing of certain businessmen.

On one occasion in 1967, Ducote said, the late William Penn Patrick paid him \$2000 for a copy of the San Jose Peace Center's mailing list.

Patrick, head of the multi-million dollar cosmetics pyramid known as Holiday Magic, also offered him \$1400 for a mailing list of the Oakland Peace Center.

Ducote said in his statement that a few days later he and Henry Scherling and Andy Gulermovich entered the Oakland

Peace Center and stole the mailing list. But they never got paid, Ducote said.

Scherling and Gulermovich were mentioned by Ducote as being involved in other political burglaries with him. They could not be reached for comment on the Oakland Peace Center job.

Ducote told agent Kubas that he raised \$40,000 from California farmers to fight UFW leader Cesar Chavez between 1965 and 1970 and that he raised undisclosed sums from around the country when he was not being a burglar.

In 1968, he said, he went to Philadelphia at the request of Stephen D'Arrigo, a Salinas Valley farmer, and got J. Howard Pugh, chairman of the board of Sun Oil Co. to send a \$1000 check to the Willow Glen post office box.

Ducote also said he picked up a \$1500 check in Los Angeles from "a Mr. Hearst" at the Los Angeles Herald Examiner in 1968.

The newspaper was then involved in a strike, Ducote said, and he explained (apparently to Hearst) about the efforts being made to combat Chavez.

Ducote said the \$1500 check was made out to something called the Fire and Police Protective League but the money "was routed back to our operation."

Ducote said he showed documents stolen from Chavez, social reformer Saul Alinsky and the San Jose Peace Center to Representative Charles Gubser (Rep.-Gilroy) and to various government intelligence agents in Washington.

He also showed some of his stolen political documents, he said, to State Senator Hugh Burns, then head of the State Un-American Activities Committee.

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8:10 PM URGENT MAY 13, 1976, MJE

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116763)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS.
JOSEPH JEROME DJCOTE, AKA; HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING.
INFORMATION CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO NITEL TO DIRECTOR AND SACRAMENTO
MAY 13, 1976.

ON MAY 13, 1976, RANDY SCHNIEDER, DEPUTY PUBLIC
DEFENDER, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, ADVISED THAT ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY DENNIS LEMPERT, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, TESTIFIED
TODAY THAT HE NEVER TALKED TO AN AGENT OF THE FBI ON
APRIL 10, 1974, AND DENIED MAKING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO
HIM BY SA DONALD K. BERRY ON PAGE 33 OF REPORT OF SA CONRAD
SHAW DATED APRIL 19, 1974, AT SACRAMENTO CAPTIONED "JEROME
JOSEPH DJCOTE, JERRY COHEN, UFW - VICTIM; CR".

SCHNIEDER PLANS TO SUBPOENA SA DONALD K. BERRY FOR
APPEARANCE SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPREME COURT PRETRIAL
HEARING 10:00 A.M. MAY 19, 1976.

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SCHNIEDER SAYS HE IS GOING TO PRESS FBI FOR IDENTITY OF SA WHO NOTIFIED SANTA CLARA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN 1974 OF THE POLITICAL BURGLARIES. THE BUREAU INDICATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE DUCOTE INVESTIGATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES UNTIL PROSECUTIVE ACTION WAS CONSIDERED BY DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS. LATER THE BUREAU INSTRUCTED SACRAMENTO TO NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY THROUGH INADVERTANCE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION RECEIVED NO COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION AND DID NOT NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IT IS RECOMMENDED SA BERRY TESTIFY TO THESE FACTS ON MAY 19, 1975.

SCHNIEDER WILL QUESTION SA MALCOLM E. SAMPLE AS TO WHEN HE HEARD RUMORS OF DUCOTE'S PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL BURGLARIES AND WHERE HE OBTAINED A MAILING LIST OF THE SAN JOSE PEACE CENTER. HE WILL QUESTION SA SAMPLE CONCERNING ALL CONTACTS WITH DUCOTE, AND SAMPLE WILL REFUTE DUCOTE'S ALLEGATION OF BUREAU'S COMPLICITY AND WILL DENY RECEIPT OF ANY DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY STOLEN BY DUCOTE.

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JACB SA BERRY WILL TESTIFY AS TO THE INTERVIEW OF
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY LEMPERT ON APRIL 19, 1974,
AND THE REASON SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THE POLITICAL BURGLARIES.
SA SAMPLE WILL TESTIFY CONCERNING HIS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE
OF THE CASE. BUREAU INTEREST WILL BE PROTECTED BY PRESENCE
OF AUSA RAY BIETZ.

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5:21 PM NITEL 5/19/76 RRM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116723)

SACRAMENTO (62-464)

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS,
JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING, INFORMATION
CONCERNING, CR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL MAY 18, 1976.

SA DONALD K. BERRY TESTIFIED MAY 19, 1976, IN SANTA
CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PRETRIAL HEARING FOR DEFENDANT
SCHERLING. THE ISSUE OF NOTIFYING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY IN APRIL, 1974, WAS NOT RAISED
DURING THE TESTIMONY.

SA MALCOLM E. SAMPLE TESTIFIED MAY 19, 1976, THAT HE
RECEIVED A MAILING LIST OF THE SAN JOSE PEACE CENTER
FROM A SOURCE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO DUCOTE OR HIS ASSOCIATES.
THE MAILING LIST OR SOURCE WAS NOT FURTHER PURSUED BY
EITHER COUNSEL.

AUSA RAY BIETZ, WHO WAS PRESENT, ADVISED THAT THE
BUREAU'S INTEREST WAS PROTECTED AND "MANY ISSUES WERE
CLEARED UP".

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